

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 26-24 OF THE
SPRINGDALE CODE OF ORDINANCES, SETTING FEES FOR
BUSINESS LICENSES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the current fees charged for business licenses in Springdale have not been increased since 1970 and this adjustment is anticipated to increase annual revenue by \$85,500, and

WHEREAS, the fees collected for these licenses are deposited in the General Fund which pays for the police, fire and building inspection services needed to assure a safe community for these businesses and other citizens of Springdale, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's budget proposal date May 29, 2009 recommended this increase in business license fees;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF
SPRINGDALE, ARKANSAS:**

Section 1: Sec. 26-34 of the Springdale Code of Ordinances is amended as follows:

Sec. 26-34. License fee schedule.

(a) Any person who shall engage in, carry on or follow any trade, business, profession, vocation or calling, within the corporate limits of the city shall pay an annual license fee of ~~\$20.00~~ \$40.00 per year plus \$2.50 for each of the first 25 employees, excluding the owner of a sole proprietorship, employed by such business, and an additional \$1.00 per year for each and every employee over 25. The maximum fee to be paid by any licensee under this article shall be ~~\$150.50~~ \$300.00 per year. The number of employees upon which charge shall be based shall be the average number employed by the applicant during the preceding calendar year. It shall be the duty of the city clerk to require all applicants to complete an application which sets out the number of employees upon which such a fee shall be paid. ~~to determine the number of employees upon which to base the fee and the city clerk shall require of all applicants an affidavit stating the number of employees upon which such a fee shall be paid.~~ In addition, ~~the~~ The city clerk may require other proof in order to correctly determine the number of employees upon which the license fee shall be based.

(b) The sole proprietor of any unincorporated business is not an employee within the meaning of this section and shall not be counted for the purpose of computing the number of employees upon which the amount of any license fee shall be based.

Section 2: This ordinance shall be effective only on licenses issued or renewed on and after December 1, 2009.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of October, 2009

Doug Sprouse, Mayor

ATTEST:

Denise Pearce, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jeff C. Harper, City Attorney